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1. In late May 1955, the Tauentzien Kaserne (5584) in Stendal was occupied by approximately 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. The units and many dependents were reportedly in the Jaevenitz summer camp. The Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne (5583) in Stendal was occupied by only a guard detail of 40 to 50 soldiers.

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the units from the installation had transferred to a summer camp in Letsling Heath in late April. On 2 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5581) in Stendal was occupied by 150 to 200 soldiers. About one third of the windows of the installation were lighted at dusk.

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2. On 2 June, 10 wooden buildings which were occupied by women and children were located south of the railroad line between Jaevenitz and Hotendorf. South of the buildings some 50 house-type tents, 3 x 5 meters, and approximately 300 soldiers were seen.

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3. On 3 June.

the camp was occupied by tank units from Perleberg.

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4. It was learned that, since late April, Waldlager I and III (Born) were occupied to capacity by the same units which had been stationed there in preceding years. Waldlager II (Huetten) was occupied by a new unit which had arrived from Perleberg. ²

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1. Comment. The report indicates that the bulk of the units of the 207th Mts Rifle Div from Stendal has been stationed in the Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz, apparently since late April. It can therefore be assumed that, in addition to the 20th Army AT Arty Brig, major elements of the above-mentioned division are stationed in the camp.

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2. Comment. The observations confirm a previous assumption, that the bulk of the 18th Meez Div was stationed in Waldlager II south of Huetten. As was the case in preceding years, Waldlager I and III (Bern) appeared to be occupied by Hq units of the Third Shock Army, corps troops of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps and elements of the 19th Gds Meez Div from Magdeburg. The assumption that elements of the last mentioned division are also stationed in a summer camp in the Letsling Heath, is supported by observations in Magdeburg, according to which the ^{UNCODED} ~~Hannover~~ Kaserne and the Anger Kaserne (5283/5284) were about 50 per cent occupied since early May 1955.

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